

[(4)] (5) By December 15 of the calendar year following the end of the taxable year in which the Maryland qualified research and development expenses were incurred, the Department shall certify to the individual or corporation the amount of the research and development tax credits approved by the Department for the individual or corporation under subsection (b)(1) and (2) of this section.

[(5)] (6) To claim the approved credits allowed under this section, an individual or corporation shall:

(i) file an amended income tax return for the taxable year in which the Maryland qualified research and development expense was incurred; and

(ii) attach a copy of the Department's certification of the approved credit amount to the amended income tax return.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1999.

May 17, 2001

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 945 - Business and Economic Development - Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority.

This bill expands the purposes of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority (MSBDFA) to include assisting small businesses that are unable to obtain adequate business financing on reasonable terms because they do not meet financial institutions' credit criteria. It alters the eligibility requirements for the Equity Participation Investment Program that operates under MSBDFA to allow such businesses to receive loans through the program. The bill also increases the maximum amount payable by MSBDFA under its guarantee for a long-term loan made by a financial institution from \$600,000 to \$1 million.

Senate Bill 789, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 945.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor